

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

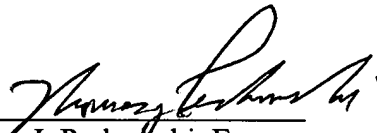
In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, Applicants have amended Claims 263-272 in order to correct errors of a typographical nature and to avoid any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, 35 U.S.C. Section 102 and/or 35 U.S.C. Section 103.

In view, therefore, of the Amendment and remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by amended Claims 263-272 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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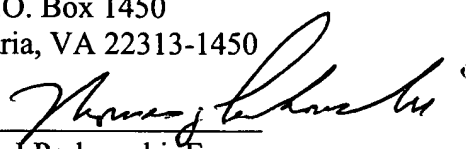


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